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Subject: Mining Scenario

Hello mine scenario development group.

First a couple of details - Patty, I was told this week that you are still working with us and are on this subgroup, so you are included here.

Barb, I was not clear after our meeting if you are part of this group. Glenn, is Barb part of this group?

The decision at the meetings this week was that we would limit our mine scenario development to porphyry copper. We will use the 2006 NDM water rights proposal to ADNR and the 2011 economic viability report from NDM as the basis for our hypothetical but plausible mining scenario. We understand that any proposal to mine porphyry copper in the Bristol Bay, whether in the vicinity of the Koktuli River, Kemuk Mountain or anywhere else, may deviate in its details, but will likely use the primary features of what we describe. Our goal in developing a mining scenario will be to describe a plausible mine in as much detail as we can. But we understand that while primary features such as an open pit, a tailings impoundment and a mill will very likely be common to any mine that is constructed, other characteristics such as the quality of the tailing, waste rock and discharge (if any) will be estimated as a range of values gathered from sites around the world. We will be as specific and complete as we can confidently be, but no more. And we will qualify all of our judgements.

It is my feeling that the most efficient way to get this task done is for all of us to meet in a room for a week with pen and paper. That would mean most of us traveling to Seattle, DC or Cincinnati. A trip to Anchorage seems out of the question, much less to Soldotna.

Alternately we could do this by phone or video, but I strongly feel that we need to get together. It is my understanding that the Cincinnati folks will have a hard time with travel funds, so perhaps we should go there.

Finally, we should do this soon.

If it is was not late on a beautifully sunny Friday with salmon running in the Kenai River I would send a draft agenda. But that will have to wait till Monday.

What do you all think so far?

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